

Making the Grade

SANBAG has played a key role in the following transportation projects:

- Route 210: The Foothill Freeway
- Route 71: The Chino Valley Freeway
- Interstate 10 truck lane
- State Route 60 widening and carpool lanes
- Interstate 10 carpool lanes
- Interstate 10 widening
- Interstate 215 widening
- Metrolink passenger train service
- Paving roads that were previously unpaved
- Supporting local public transit services
- Installing and coordinating traffic signals
- Widening local streets and repairing potholes

...and Getting the Funding

SANBAG was instrumental in the development and passage of Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements through San Bernardino County.

The funds generated from this “self help” sales tax have kept area projects moving foward despite the current state and federal transportation funding shortage.



Facts that Figure

- ! San Bernardino County covers 20,000 square miles, making it the largest county in the continental United States.
- ! Close to 1.9 million people call San Bernardino County home. These residents and many visitors rely on the county’s transportation network.
- ! The county is expected to grow by another 1.1 million people and 500,000 jobs by 2025.
- ! San Bernardino County has almost every type of road imaginable: major metropolitan freeways, mountain roads, suburban streets, and desert highways that traverse vast open spaces.
- ! On Interstate 10, the volume of traffic through San Bernardino County is the third highest in the nation, topped only by Los Angeles and Phoenix.
- ! Over the next two decades, the amount of cargo transported through San Bernardino County by truck and rail is expected to triple.

It’s SANBAG’s job
to keep everyone moving



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SANBAG: We Keep San Bernardino County Moving in the Right Direction

Meet SANBAG

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is a coalition of elected officials responsible for transportation planning, financing and construction, and other regional issues. SANBAG's top priority is to improve mobility through an efficient, accessible transportation network across San Bernardino County.

As a Council of Governments, SANBAG provides a monthly forum for city and county representatives to discuss issues of mutual concern that extend past local boundaries. This includes issues like air quality, goods movement and economic development.

Day to day, SANBAG is involved in short-range and long-range planning, coordinating and funding dozens of transportation projects and programs, as well as managing and coordinating freeway construction.

The SANBAG Board of Directors sets policies that are implemented by the agency's staff. The Board includes the five members of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the mayor or councilmember from each of the 24 cities in the county and one non-voting member from Caltrans.

SANBAG's Responsibilities

In San Bernardino County, SANBAG serves as the legal authority for many transportation responsibilities including:

- Council of Governments
- County Transportation Authority
- County Transportation Commission
- County Congestion Management Agency
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (Call Box Program)
- County Subregional Planning Agency

These names may not mean much to the average person, but they translate into real programs that affect traffic congestion, air quality standards, transportation planning, goods movement, freeway construction, local street maintenance and highway and road safety.

SANBAG and Caltrans

SANBAG's many roles complement the work of the California Department of Transportation, commonly known as Caltrans. As the state transportation agency, Caltrans owns and operates the state highways and is responsible for freeway maintenance and construction. SANBAG works with Caltrans in the prioritization, funding and construction of transportation projects in San Bernardino County.

“The growth of San Bernardino County and the declining purchasing power of gas tax revenues make the funding of transportation projects a huge challenge. Without Measure I, major transportation improvements in our county just wouldn't be possible.”

— Norm King
Executive Director
San Bernardino Associated Governments

SANBAG and You

Transportation issues impact all of us in a very personal way when we:

- Drive on crowded streets and freeways
- Hit potholes when traveling on local roads
- Take the train or bus to work or school
- Need to use a freeway call box
- Have to wait at a railroad crossing
- Share the road with big-rig trucks
- Receive Freeway Service Patrol help with a flat tire
- Breathe! (Vehicle emissions affect our air quality).

Get Involved

As a resident of San Bernardino County, SANBAG represents you - and we'd like to hear from you.

SANBAG Board meetings are held each month. You can attend and address issues during the public comment portion of the agenda. You also can attend monthly committee meetings. Agendas and other meeting information are posted on our web site: www.sanbag.ca.gov.



SANBAG Keeps San Bernardino County Moving



Traffic Management

SANBAG maintains a countywide Congestion Management Program to ensure mobility as new development adds traffic to the area. Updated every two years, the CMP requires that new development pays its fair share to maintain an adequate level of service on nearby roadways.

Metrolink Service

Three Metrolink commuter rail lines serve San Bernardino County – the San Bernardino Line, Inland Empire/Orange County Line, and Riverside Line. Each weekday, approximately 20,000 passengers use these three train lines, rather than driving their cars to work or other destinations. SANBAG and other county transportation agencies provide funding and support for the five-county Metrolink system.

Traffic Signal Synchronization

SANBAG is working to synchronize traffic signals on major streets throughout the San Bernardino Valley. Synchronized signals cut travel times by 12 to 15 percent, reduce pollution and save gasoline.

Air Quality and Mobility

SANBAG oversees a countywide rideshare program and helps communities establish Park & Ride lots and transportation centers. These efforts help reduce the number of solo drivers on area freeways and roads, leading to improved mobility and air quality. The Option Rideshare and Team Ride programs offer incentives to commuters who use other forms of transportation, such as carpooling, trains, buses, walking or bicycling to work. Park & Ride lots and transportation centers help residents use the transportation network more wisely.



Freeway Projects

SANBAG is fighting freeway traffic delays by building new freeways and widening existing routes. SANBAG has helped build or fund a number of freeway projects, including the new Foothill Freeway (Route 210), Route 71, Route 60, Interstate 10 and Interstate 15. Improvements to Interstate 215, Highway 395 and further work on Interstate 10 are in the planning stages, as well as many freeway interchange projects.

The Foothill Freeway is SANBAG's largest project. The first 20 miles from Fontana to La Verne were completed in 2002; the remaining eight miles in Rialto and San Bernardino are under construction now. With eight lanes (including two carpool lanes), the new freeway is designed to relieve traffic on Interstate 10 and provide a new east-west route for residents of these foothill communities.



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Public Transit Projects

SANBAG aids with the funding and planning of system improvements of six public bus systems in San Bernardino County:

- Barstow Area Transit
- Morongo Basin Transit Authority
- Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority
- Needles Area Transit
- Omnitrans
- Victor Valley Transit Authority

Funding is provided to maintain low bus fares and to offer improved service for seniors and riders with disabilities.

Motorist Assistance

In its role as the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies, SANBAG is responsible for the countywide Call Box Program. More than 1,600 call boxes along state highways offer roadside communication for stranded motorists.

SANBAG also oversees the Freeway Service Patrol Program for heavily traveled highways in San Bernardino County. Roving tow trucks provide fast, free repairs or towing off the freeway to get motorists back on their way and to reduce traffic delays.



Transportation Planning

SANBAG, working with other local agencies, has developed a 20-year Comprehensive Transportation Plan, which sets policy, fiscal and technical transportation decisions throughout the county. This plan identifies strategies and costs to achieve mobility for people and goods and helps provide data for updates to the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Transportation Plan.

Local Street Improvements

SANBAG teams up with local cities and the county to fund street and intersection improvements, traffic signal synchronization projects and bike paths countywide. These efforts increase safety and efficiency, reduce traffic tie-ups and promote alternate modes of transportation.



Advocacy and Education

SANBAG's greatest challenge to mobility is securing adequate funding to meet the many transportation needs of San Bernardino County. Working with federal, state and local lawmakers, as well as the general public, SANBAG advocates for more transportation funding for projects in our area and for policies that benefit San Bernardino County residents. SANBAG also works to educate federal legislators about the need for federal funding to mitigate the effects of moving cargo through San Bernardino County to the rest of the nation. Funding for goods movement relief is critical to mobility and a better quality of life in our county.

